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Government Hospital, Tindivanam

* 1119 *Q.*—Sri M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for medicine for a year to the Government Hospital at Tindivanam in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) whether the Government intend increasing the amount sanctioned?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Rs. 7,000 during 1954–55.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir."

Sri M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER:—" இப்போது கொடுக்கும் பணம் போதாதாகையால், உடனடியாகக் கவனித்து அதிகப் பணம் வழங்கு வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" Yes, Sir, necessary provision has been made in the revised budget for the extra amount needed."

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" May I know whether the allotment is a fixed one or does it depend on the indents submitted by hospital authorities in regard to the requirements of the hospital? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" Certain amount is sanctioned. If extra or additional amount is needed, it is provided for."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN:—" May I know who prepares the list of medicines required for the hospital. Is it prepared by the local doctor or the District Medical Officer? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" The local doctor sends the indents to the District Medical Officer."

Sale of raw-rice

* 1120 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price of raw-rice, first sort and second sort, stocked by the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies, Limited, Malabar, in November-December 1954;

(*b*) whether any request was received to sell the first sort rice at the same rate as the second sort, and, if so, whether it was granted;

(*c*) whether the stock was sold subsequently by public tender and, if so, at what rate;

(*d*) whether the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies, Limited, made any request to allow them to participate in the tender and, if so, whether it was allowed; and

(*e*) whether the Government sold any quantity of rice to Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies and, if so, at what rate?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*)

	I sort.			II sort.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Wholesalers' issue rate to retailer per maund.	**21**	**2**	**7**	**16**	**11**	**9**
(ii) Retailers' issue rate to consumers per maund.	**21**	**12**	**0**	**17**	**4**	**0**

" (*b*) A representation to downgrade the first sort stocks as second sort was received prior to November 1954. This was not agreed to as the stocks were intended to be given to the Government of India and as they had been requested to take over the stocks quickly.

" (*c*) Tenders were called for, for a quantity of about 11,860 tons. The highest tender rate received in respect of a quantity of about 7,500 tons was Rs. 10–4–3 per maund. The rates received for the balance ranged from Rs. 10–4–3 to Rs. 14–10–0 per maund.

It was not the same stuff, which it was suggested may be downgraded, that was sold by tender. The latter was damaged stuff, while the request made by some of the societies was to downgrade the entire stocks of I sort raw rice.

" (*d*) & (*e*) In the first instance, when certain Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, which had not cleared their dues to the Government approached the Collector of Malabar for permission to participate in the tenders, it was refused by the Collector. Later, five Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Ponnani taluk offered to purchase a quantity of 6,000 tons, out of the 7,500 tons referred to above, at the rate of Rs. 12 per maund for which the highest tender rate received was only Rs. 10–4–3 per maund. The Collector was, therefore, instructed to reject all the tenders received for the 7,500 tons in question and to dispose them of as under :—

(i) to deliver 6,000 tons to the five Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Ponnani taluk at a rate of Rs. 12 per maund; and

(ii) to deliver the balance of 1,500 tons to the other Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, if any, who were prepared to purchase them at the rate of Rs. 12 per maund and, if not, to private merchants at the same rate."

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The Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies were allowed time till 20th January 1955 to take over as much stocks as possible at Rs. 12 per maund. The five Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Ponnani taluk have lifted in all 4,110 tons at Rs. 12 per maund against the 6,000 tons agreed to be purchased by them. Certain other Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies have taken over about 800 tons at the same rate of Rs. 12 per maund against the balance quantity for which Rs. 10-4-3 per maund was offered previously."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is a big statement or answer, it is better that the Government print it and lay it on the table of the House as it will save time. I hope it will be done in the future."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was not printed as it did not contain much of figures."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" If the Government had accepted the suggestion of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies to sell the first sort of rice at Rs. 16–11–0 they could have saved lakhs of rupees because the same rice was sold afterwards at Rs. 12–8–0 and even less than that? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir. I already answered that as the Government of India were taking it, this Government did not consider the question of transferring it."

Loss of Teachers' certificate

* 1121 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Teachers' certificate of Higher Elementary Trained Teachers who appeared for the Secondary Grade Training School-Leaving Certificate Examination have been lost from the office of the Commissioner for Government Examinations during 1949—1954; and

(*b*) if so, how many?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Information is not readily available. If individual cases are reported, action may be taken."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it not a fact that in 1948–49 the certificate of a teacher who appeared for the Secondary Grade Training School-Leaving Certificate Examination was not returned to him on the ground that the original certificate was lost from the Office of the Commissioner for Government Examinations—the fact of which was communicated to him. If so, will the Government see that the injustice done to the teacher is removed? "